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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 12, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the original specification with the attached Substitute Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 6 to read as follows.

6. (Amended) A facility management system according to any one of claim 1 to claim 3, wherein said flow line-measuring means installed in said facility to be monitored and said management information generating means installed in a monitoring center are connected to each other through a communication network.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please replace the original abstract with the attached abstract.